

TO SPEND BIG SUM IN IMPROVEMENTS

Outlay of \$9,000,000 Will Be Made by N. & W. During Present Year.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Roanoke, Va., January 31.—The Norfolk and Western Railroad before the end of the present year will have under construction and contracted for improvements that will aggregate about \$9,000,000.

This work includes the contracts to be given next week for double tracks on the west end, and the necessary tunnel and other work to carry out the plan of the double track. On the eastern end the amount will reach over \$1,000,000.

At the local shops a large share of the new rolling stock will be built, and as fast as possible new machinery is being placed in the machine and boiler departments, so as to hasten the work of construction of new engines. The contracts for new cars to be awarded in the next few days will add to the facilities of the road in handling the big coal and coke traffic and make the through freight that will come with the opening of the Winston-Salem Seaboard.

BOAT TURNS OVER; TWO ARE DROWNED

Boys Disregard Advice of Danger and Go to Water Graves.

New Kent Courthouse, Va., January 31.—Stanley Strader and Clem McKinnis, in attempting to cross the Pamunkey River from Cousins Island, were drowned Saturday afternoon.

Before leaving the shore the father of young Strader warned the young men of the danger of using the small boat, but they would not heed his advice, and when about 300 yards from shore the boat capsized. They held to the boat and cried frantically for help. Mr. Strader, Sr., rushed to the river, seized the only boat there and started to their rescue with only a narrow piece of plank for a paddle. Being an inexperienced oarsman his boat was at the mercy of the rushing tide, and he was carried ashore within a short distance of the young men, and was powerless to save them. There he remained and witnessed the drowning.

From the shore, the home of Mr. Strader, the mother of Strader and the wife of McKinnis saw the one float the other to their watery graves. The river was dragged, but the bodies were not found.

Mr. Strader and family moved to New Kent county about four years ago from Wisconsin. He is a prosperous farmer and the owner of the farm formerly owned by Colonel W. W. Gordon.

BOYS' CORN CLUB ORGANIZED.

Starts Off With Fifty Members—List of Prizes Offered.

Appomattox, Va., January 31.—Notwithstanding the prevailing snow storm, a boys' corn club was organized Saturday at the Tenth District Agricultural School by T. O. Sandy, with Superintendent J. K. Hannah presiding. About forty persons were present, while the number of members in the corn club for this county has already reached fifty.

According to this county are as follows: A State diploma for the largest yield per acre in the State, by Governor Mann; a State diploma for each boy who gets largest yield in each county; a certificate for each boy in the county who grows more than fifty bushels per acre. The United States Department of Agriculture will give a national diploma to

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Dessert Plates 5c each

Tea Plates 6c each

Breakfast Plates 7c each

Dinner Plates 8c each

7-inch Meat Dish 9c each

8-inch Meat Dish 10c each

10-inch Meat Dish 12c each

12-inch Meat Dish 14c each

14-inch Meat Dish 16c each

16-inch Meat Dish 18c each

18-inch Meat Dish 20c each

20-inch Meat Dish 22c each

22-inch Meat Dish 24c each

NOTE LOCATION—23 W. Broad St.

The Literary Digest of Nov. 6, 1909, Devotes Five Columns to a Review of

The Last Exploit of Jack Sterry

A Momentous Incident of Second Manassas.

Free extracts are given from the narratives of Dr. Ward, of Mississippi, and Scout Cussons, of Virginia. It is the most thrilling episode of the war, and the most fateful. Details will be mailed on request by CAPTAIN CUSSONS, Glen Allen, Virginia.



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the boy who makes largest yield in the State, and invite him to Washington with expenses paid. The Norfolk and Western Railroad gives a badge to every member of the club, and also gives a silver cup to the boy in any county who makes largest yield; this cup will be transferred from year to year to the boy who makes the largest yield. The Norfolk and Western Railroad also offers the boy who makes the greatest yield a trip to the State Fair with all expenses paid. The Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad will offer a similar prize for the work in each county through which their road passes, and Appomattox is traversed by both roads. The Norfolk and Western also offers \$5 as the second prize. The State Fair also offers \$1,000 for largest yield, this applying not only to boys but also to every farmer in the State. The State Fair also offers \$120 to be given in prizes to all the counties in the twenty counties in which these boys' clubs are conducted.

The regular agent for this work in Appomattox is Major J. W. Flood, but as this large number is too much for one man, Principal Lindsay Crawley will assist him.

NEWS NOTES OF VIRGINIA

Bristol.—News from Washington of the appointment of a postmaster for Bristol, to serve during the next four years, is expected almost daily. While there is no inside information, so far as is known, as to just when President Taft will make the appointment, many believe that it will be made very shortly, as the term of the incumbent expires the latter part of April. Petitioners have been gathered for the job, and the "record is closed," so to speak. There is considerable interest in the appointment, because of the complicated situation and the efforts of Representative Stump to have a citizen of Bristol, Va., appointed.

Lynchburg.—Dr. Weston Bruner, well known in Virginia and in Lynchburg, has been chosen as general evangelist of the Southern Baptist Convention. This was the position held by Rev. W. W. Hamilton before coming to Lynchburg. Dr. Bruner is at present pastor of the Southern Baptist Church, of San Antonio, Texas.

Chillicothe.—There is much speculation as to what the Norfolk and Western contemplates doing for a double-track system through Chillicothe, and there have been all kinds of rumors, many of which it will be made very clear are now contemplating a tunnel. It is known that plans have been made to build a tunnel through the hills, which provide for a tunnel from Fifth Street to Water, and that the idea has been looked upon very favorably by the higher officials. These plans, although providing for a tremendous outlay, may be adopted.

Roanoke.—It will be recalled that

Wingate and Hall, of Grayson county, were arrested in Roanoke several months ago for attempting to pass counterfeit money, and later it developed that they had also passed counterfeit money in Bristol. They were taken to Staunton for trial in the United States court, and Wingate was given three years and Hall eighteen months. George F. Foster, custodian of the secret service, helped Detective United States Marshal J. B. Burnett to work up the case, and while it was clear that the plot was made at the close of the morning from Mr. Foster stating that he had received his money from Grayson county, which had been used by Hall and Wingate.

Staunton.—The J. E. B. Stuart Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, will award a handsome medal for the best essay on the life of General J. E. B. Stuart, same to be contested for by the children of the fifth and sixth grades in the city public schools. The award will be made at the commencement exercises at the close of the term. The medal will be an elegant one, and well worth competing for.

Orange.—The Orange County Teachers' Institute will hold a two-day session at the High School building, in South Orange, on Friday and Saturday, March 4 and 5, the exercises beginning each morning at 8 o'clock. Hon. Joseph D. Eggleston, of Richmond, the Virginia State Superintendent of the instruction will deliver an address at the Masonic Opera House. The public is most cordially invited to attend.

Norfolk.—Deputy United States Marshal J. E. West said today that much had been made out of little in connection with the two counterfeiters. On the first night, at 8 o'clock, Hon. Joseph D. Eggleston, of Richmond, the Virginia State Superintendent of the instruction will deliver an address at the Masonic Opera House. The public is most cordially invited to attend.

Abingdon.—What might have been a serious wreck, with probably fatal results, occurred on the Virginia-Carolina Railroad Saturday afternoon. A freight train ran into a heavy slide. The recent snow, freezing and rainy weather caused the earth on the mountain side to cave in, and a cut near one of the highest and longest trestles on the road. The slide was near Watauga, which is five miles out from Abingdon. The engine and several passenger cars were derailed, and the train was stopped before it reached the wreck. Both trains, however, were derailed, many hours, though the passengers and mail were transferred with not so much loss of time.

WANT MINISTER TO REMAIN.

Lynchburg Baptists Fight Against Giving Up Their Pastor.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Lynchburg, Va., January 31.—Rev. I. T. Jacobs, pastor of Franklin Street Baptist Church, who recently received a call to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Portsmouth, Norfolk, has tendered his resignation to the congregation here, having decided to accept the call.

Mr. Jacobs made known his determination to go to Portsmouth, following morning service Sunday, and following the membership of which there was 250 present, unanimously voted to refuse to accept the resignation, praying him at the same time to withdraw the paper and to remain with the church.

Sunday afternoon a committee composed of five men and three women visited the minister and stated that the church would do anything he deemed necessary in order to have him change his decision and remain here.

Mr. Jacobs stated today that he would reach his final decision in the matter during the week, and will, no doubt, announce his determination at one of the services next Sunday.

Funeral of John H. Cones.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Washington, Va., January 31.—The funeral of John H. Cones, who died on Saturday, was held this afternoon in the family burying-ground at his home, near Peola Mills, in this county. The Sperryville Lodge of I. O. O. F., of which Mr. Cones was a member, had charge of the services, being assisted by the Washington Lodge.

New Market for Lynchburg.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Lynchburg, Va., January 31.—The city market today closed at noon not only for the day, but for all times, for in a day or two it will be razed to make way for a modern \$65,000 structure, which is to be a credit to the city. An auditorium seating 2,000 the city. The improvement will be pushed to completion during the early spring.

Minister to Go to Roanoke.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Lynchburg, Va., January 31.—The Montgomery Presbyterian of the Presbyterian Church will be in session in Roanoke on Tuesday for the purpose of taking steps toward the Rev. P. B. Hill, of this city, accepting the call to the West End Presbyterian Church in Roanoke. There is no doubt that the change will be sanctioned. Mr. Hill expects to begin his work in a few days in the Magic City.

Wage Increase Announced.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Roanoke, Va., January 31.—The Roanoke Railway and Electric Company today announced an increase in the pay of conductors and motormen of 1 cent an hour, effective to-morrow.

Stricken With Paralysis.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Lynchburg, Va., January 31.—While standing in the post-office here this afternoon about 5 o'clock, J. V. Venable, a well-known citizen of Lynchburg, suffered a stroke of paralysis in his left side. He was in the act of taking his mail out of the box, and just as he started to walk the stroke came. He was caught by a man standing in the office, and was helped to his home. Mr. Worthington has been a resident of the city for several years, coming here from Philadelphia.

Violated Physician's Orders.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Danville, Va., January 31.—Will Hubbard, a cotton mill operative, who resides on West Thomas Street, was arrested today for violating the Mayor's Court this morning for removing from the post house his wife and nine-year-old son, after they had been confined to bed by the order of the City Physician for smallpox.

"Young Man in Religion."

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Danville, Va., January 31.—The last of the special addresses on life problems at the Y. M. C. A. men's meetings, was given yesterday afternoon. It was a most interesting and timely one, every available seat in the auditorium. The speaker was E. P. Sherrey, of Lynchburg, who is prominent in business circles in that city, as well as active in Christian work. The special topic was "The Young Man in Religion."

Another Failure in Lynchburg.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Lynchburg, Va., January 31.—Another failure, the sixth in the city, occurred today, when B. B. Owens, a small grocer, assigned. His liabilities are about \$1,000, with assets half that amount.

WILL RAISE MONEY FOR Y. M. C. A. HOME

Whirlwind Canvass to Be Made in Petersburg in April.

TWO AGED CITIZENS DEAD

Changes Made by Democratic Organization of Fourth District.

The Times-Dispatch Bureau, 109 North Sycamore Street, Petersburg, Va., January 31.—It has been decided to make a whirlwind canvass in Petersburg during the first two weeks in April, to raise funds to build a handsome home for the Young Men's Christian Association, and it is believed that the community is ripe for the support of the movement, since the sale of the former home on Sycamore Street, Association hall has been dormant, though the friends of the association have by no means been idle. The building of a new and handsome home has been an object ever kept alive, and that object is about to be realized. At a conference of State Secretary S. A. Ackley and the board of directors, held on Saturday, plans for the forthcoming canvass were fully discussed and agreed on. The canvass will be conducted by Secretary Ackley, assisted by an expert in the work. An eligible site, located on Washington Street, is being secured by the association, and a canvass last summer secured membership fees more than sufficient to meet the annual expenses of the institution, provided a home should be erected. It may also be stated that the association owns a library of several thousand volumes, which will be used as a nucleus for a still larger library.

The Missionary Movement.

The campaign in behalf of the Men's Missionary Movement, conducted by the churches in this city, partially suspended by reason of the holiday season, is to be resumed and pressed forward. A meeting is to be held on February 6, at which full reports of the campaign work of all the churches are to be made.

It is expected that friends of the candidates for the nomination for Congress at the recent Democratic primary will attend the meeting of the district committee which meets here Wednesday night, to canvass the vote of the district. Not that there is to be any protest, but as a matter of interest, the contest has already been decided in favor of Mr. Turnbull.

Changes in Organization.

Two changes were recently made in the Democratic organization of the Fourth Congressional District, by reason of the candidacy of two of the county chairmen for Congress. The changes made are: J. E. Spatig, of Brunswick, appointed county chairman in place of Robert Turnbull, and Mr. H. West appointed county chairman of Sussex, in place of William B. Cocke.

Died in His Buggy.

John B. Parker, a well known young citizen of Waverly, in Sussex county, died suddenly Saturday evening of heart disease. He left Saturday afternoon to drive a passenger to Disputanta, and on his return, left Disputanta about 6 o'clock. He was found dead, sitting upright in his buggy.

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NOIRFOLK GIRL IN JAIL.

Her Father Will Prefer Charge of Incorrigibility to Arrest Her.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Baltimore, Md., January 31.—Miss Jennie E. Farley, eighteen years old, an active young woman from Norfolk, Va., was arrested yesterday by Detectives Bradley and Berney in the post-office, while she was applying for a passport to the Central Police Station, and is being held for the arrival of her father, who it is said, will prefer a charge of incorrigibility against her.

Appointed on Governor's Staff.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Wytheville, Va., January 31.—S. S. Simmerman, former member of the House of Delegates, from Wythe county, has been appointed by Governor Mann as a member of his staff. Colonel Simmerman left this morning for Richmond, in order to be present at the inauguration.

Small Wreck Delays Traffic.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Danville, Va., January 31.—Traffic on the Southern Railway was delayed for about an hour this morning as the result of a small-sized freight wreck near Pelham. A coal car left the track, but no damage of any consequence resulted. A wrecking crew left this city about 9 o'clock and cleared the track in a short time.

WILL GO TO AUGUSTA.

Popular Salvation Army Officers Take Farewell Leave of Lynchburg.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Lynchburg, Va., January 31.—Adjutant and Mrs. James Yates, for fifteen months in charge of the Lynchburg corps of the Salvation Army, took their formal farewell last night, at which time the army hall was crowded and people were turned away for the lack of room. Farewell addresses were made by

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8 packages of Mother's Oats (standard size).
2 packages of Mother's Yellow Corn Meal.
1 package of Mother's White Corn Meal.
1 package of Mother's Wheat Hearts (the Cream of the Wheat).
1 package of Mother's Corn Flakes (Toasted).
1 package of Mother's Old-Fashioned Steel Cut Oatmeal.
2 packages of Mother's Grits (Granulated Hominy).
2 packages of Mother's Pearl Hominy (Coarse).

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If you want the best way to cook the best cereals, and nearly everything else, get a good fireless cooker. We will give you an extra good fireless cooker free with 125 coupons from Mother's Cereals. If you prefer not to wait for it, take the coupons and the special certificate packed in a Mother's Kit, with 89c, to your grocer and get the cooker at once. The best grocers sell Mother's Cereals. If yours does not, send us his name and yours, and we will send you free a useful souvenir. But buy a Mother's Kit from some grocer right away.

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having apparently passed away without a struggle. A coroner's jury decided that death was caused by valvular disease of the heart. The young man was employed at Spradley's stables, and was the only support of a sister and widowed mother.

Rev. John T. Better Dead.

The Rev. John T. Better, a beloved Christian man, died yesterday at the home of his son, in Ettrick, after an illness of only a few days. He was seventy-five years old, and is survived by his wife and two daughters and one son—Mrs. J. E. Hardy, of Newport News; Mrs. A. L. Charlack, of Northampton county; and George W. Better, of Ettrick. The funeral will take place from Ettrick Methodist Episcopal Church to-morrow morning at 10:30 o'clock.

An Octogenarian Celebrates.

Captain James H. Meachan, one of our most respected citizens, and a brave old Confederate veteran, to-day celebrated the eighty-first anniversary of his birth. Captain Meachan was born in Mecklenburg county, and his maternal and maternal grandfathers saw service in the Revolutionary War. Though an octogenarian, Captain Meachan is still in active service and travels as a salesman.

Personal and Otherwise.

R. W. Arnold, Jr., of Waverly, has been appointed a member of Governor-elect Mann's staff, and has accepted the position. It is expected that a large number of the friends of Governor-elect Mann in this city will go over to Richmond to-morrow to attend his inauguration, and to be present at the inauguration reception at night.

Mrs. Mary E. Corner, a widow of over eighty years of age, died on Saturday at her home, near Puddledock, in Prince George county. Her funeral took place this morning from Rosewood Church, and the burial was in Blandford Cemetery. Mrs. Corner leaves sons and daughters living in Prince George.

The funeral of Captain Louis L. Marks will take place from Washington Street Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he was long a member and officer, at 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. Captain Marks was the first and only recording secretary of Powhatan Starke Lodge of Masons.

PROTESTS AGAINST BAIL.

Baptist Minister Objects to Social Entertainment for Charity.

Lynchburg, Va., January 31.—Dr. W.

W. Hamilton, pastor of the First Baptist Church, falling by correspondence to prevent a charity ball on Thursday night, under the auspices of the Van Dyke League, has made a public protest against the ball. The proceeds are designed for destitute nursing, a branch of the league's work in Lynchburg.

SCALPED BY FLYWHEEL.

Planning Mill Engineer Suffers Injuries Which Prove Fatal.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Alexandria, Va., January 31.—Oliver S. Stone, sixty years old, who was almost completely scalped Saturday last by coming in contact with a flywheel at the planning mill of H. K. Field & Company, where he was employed as an engineer, died at 4:30 o'clock this morning, at the Alexandria Hospital, without regaining consciousness. Three daughters and two sons survive. No one witnessed the accident, although it is presumed Mr. Stone was endeavoring to tighten a belt on some part of the machinery when he slipped, falling against the flywheel. Besides being almost scalped, he suffered from concussion of the brain.

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